

In This City and Vicinity Some Fifty Years Ago.

Quakers, Methodists and Presbyterians Talked of the Hardships of the Lovers by Church Meeting Arrangement.

AT THE MEETING OF OLD settlers at the fair grounds Mrs. Manley read an interesting paper on houses of worship in olden times. She spoke of Quakers and their mode of worship. Their buildings were plain and they paid no attention to ventilation. The buildings were heated by the old cannon stove and wood was the principal fuel. The light by day was furnished through 7 by 8 or 9 by 10 panes of glass of which twelve composed a window. These windows ran their earthly career without being so much as introduced to each other on account of the great distance between their abiding places. By night the light was a lamp or tallow candles placed on tin reflecting brackets and hung here and there upon the walls. The meeting houses then were so much alike that one description answered for all. This sect sat with heads covered by broad brimmed hats and long dark sun bonnets and sat in silence until the spirit moved them. They had no Sunday schools and the children were taken to meeting by the parents. Singing was an offense.

THE PRESBYTERIAN.

In speaking of the Presbyterians she stated they had pews with three sides and a door on the fourth, which was closed after the family had died in. The stranger was not seated in the pews, but took a seat wherever he could find one, being no under. The ladies carried little charcoal foot stoves. The church taught the extreme Calvinistic doctrine. The Sunday school met after church and one of the deacons read and explained the lesson to the entire school. Children and parents were in the same class and all were expected to attend and what was often inconvenient to many of the wise ones. It almost makes one weary yet to think of the fraternal, secondaries and so on up to the close. In singing two clerks took their places on each side of the pulpit. One read two lines and the other led in singing through the long David's Psalm, which was the exclusive song service.

THE METHODIST.

Of the Methodist speaker was a trifle more familiar. Their meeting houses were also plain with dingy walls and ceiling. The men occupied one side of the room and the women the other and it was well beside the transgressor of that rule. The men and women entered and left the house by different doors. The husband had to wait outside for his wife as well as the young man for his girl. They would stand in a line and it was the best fellow who got nearest the door, especially if two or three boys were after the same girl. When one got the mitten he often wished he had been further down the line where it was not so light. An effort was made to get the women but they were driven away like wolves from the sheep. It was actually though unchristian-like for the man to sit with his family during meeting.

The speaker referred to the "mourner's bench" and the "amen corner." There was shouting and getting the power. The pulpit was a little box shaped affair glued or nailed half way on to the wall between the ceiling and the floor. It was reached by a flight of straight narrow steps. When the preacher was seated, unless quite tall, no one would be aware of his presence and he would upon the little stool to look out over his audience and announce the opening hymn. Frequently they would get so enthusiastic that they would fall from the stool. The preacher was always known by his white neck tie and silk hat. The desk upon which the Bible lay was fastened to the pulpit by hinges and could be raised to suit the preacher. This denomination like many others, built the meeting house at one end of a lot containing a few acres. This was called the graveyard. There was laid away the dear ones to sleep their long sleep.

A COMPARISON.

In conclusion the speaker referred to the churches of the present day being of the most improved architecture. The minister having A. M. or D. D. to his name, of the absence of the amen corner, the finely cushioned pews, the fine altar, the \$10,000 or \$15,000 pipe organ and oftentimes an entire brass band.

A WIFE BEATER.

Who Recently Removed From Canton to Alliance.

The Alliance Review says: Frank Devers, against whom a warrant for assault and battery had been issued, on complaint of his wife, who lives on Patterson street, was this morning arrested in Canton by the police there, at the request of Marshal Stacy, brought down to this depot, and delivered to the custody of that officer, as he returned with Hively from Massillon. Devers pleaded guilty before Mayor Chapman, and received \$50 fine, costs and thirty days in the county jail.

He was the son of respectable Canton parents, and moved here only recently. His wife's statement is that he smashed the furniture, struck her repeatedly, and threatened her life and that of their three-year-old child. He will be taken to Canton to-morrow morning.

Know Where to Get Good Work.

The Directors of the Agricultural Society held their meeting in their rooms in the court house Saturday afternoon. Among other business was the passing upon favorably of the Democrat Publishing Co. bill for the Premium List of the fair. The same company was awarded other printing.

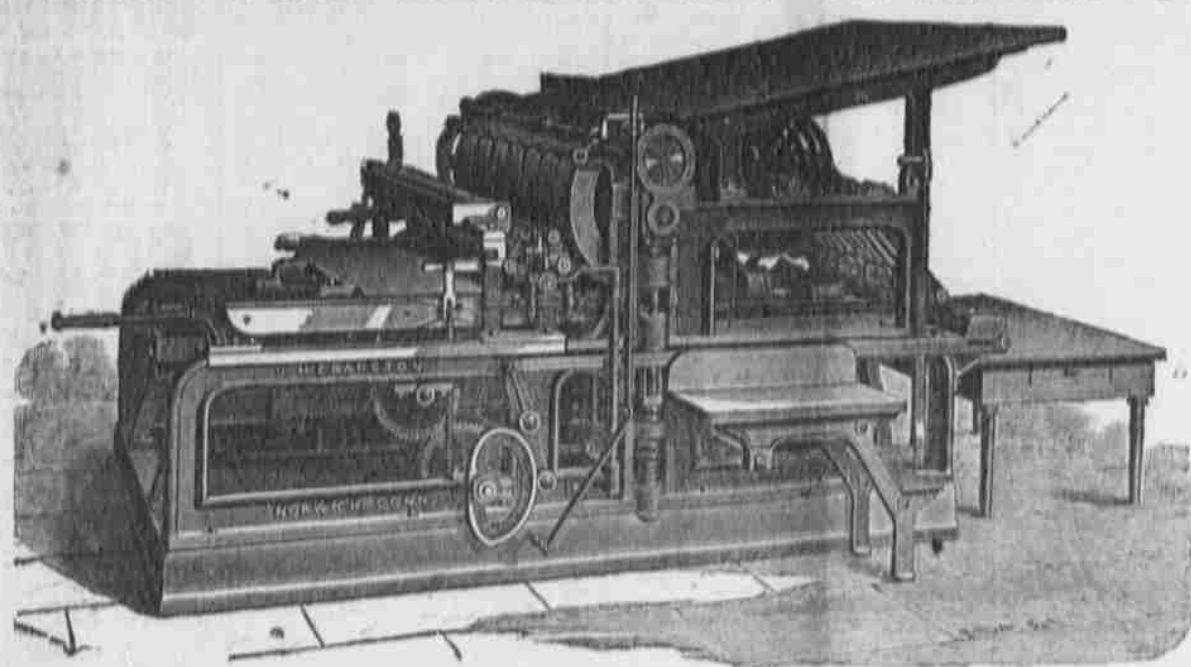
Thousands of dollars are wasted annually in physicians' fees, when five or ten dollars expended on that unapproachable conqueror of disease, Samaritan Nerve, would effect in every case a radical cure. \$1.50. Cured my son of fits after spending \$2,400 with other doctors. J. W. THORNTON, Claiborne, Miss.

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OUR NEW TWO-REVOLUTION CYLINDER PRESS.



The above represents our new two-revolution, two form rollers press, manufactured for the DEMOCRAT office by J. H. Cranston, Norwich, Conn. Size of bed, inside of bearings, 3x34 inches; length of base 9 feet, 6 inches; width of base 6 feet; weight 16,000 pounds; cost \$3,850; steel shafts, steel rolls, steel knuckles, with air springs. It has all the modern improvements, including

the automatic leaf lifting device, and noiseless gripper motion. It is so quiet in its work, that you might run it in your sleeping room without disturbance. Its capacity is 35 papers per minute. It has now been in operation in our press room for four days. Our patrons and friends are invited to call and see it work.

FIGHT TO A FINISH

Is What a Canton Pugilist and His Friends Want.

A Friendly Spar and a Fight to a Finish For From \$100 to \$500, and Side Bets of at Least \$100.

For some months past a Canton boy Patrick Riffe by name, has issued challenge after challenge to spar Les Akins another Canton boy, and who has a host of friends. Akins has accepted these challenges as readily as they were issued but for some reason no contest was arranged.

This afternoon Les Akins, accompanied by John Akins of this city and H. M. Johnson of Dayton, visited the News-Democrat office. Akins deposited a forfeit of \$25 to hold good three days, and issued a challenge to spar five rounds within thirty days for from \$100 to \$500 a side.

He also challenges Riffe for a fight to a finish within sixty days for the same amount. If articles of agreement are entered into, Akins will wager \$25 that in the sparring exhibition he will win four out of five rounds, and in the fight to a finish, if arranged for, he will bet \$25 that he will stop him in four rounds.

H. M. Johnson, a good looking young man by the way, will bet \$50 that Akins will win first blood, \$50 that Akins will win the first knock down, and \$50 that Akins will win the battle.

The fight is at this office awaiting Mr. Riffe's pleasure. Mr. Akins states that he hankers not after pugilistic honors, but that matters have come to such a stage that Mr. Riffe will either have to fight or acknowledge defeat.

HASN'T THE MONEY

But is Willing to Fight to a Finish for the Gloves.

If the intentions of two Canton pugilists can be correctly diagnosed, there will be a spirited fight to a finish in this vicinity before long.

Patrick Riffe, the young pugilist challenged in Monday's paper by Les Akins to a five round sparring match or a fight to a finish for from \$100 to \$500, visited the News-Democrat office Monday evening.

He stated that he was not a millionaire that he could spar or fight to a finish for the amount stated, even without the present side bets of \$50. He would show his good faith, however, and his willingness to enter a contest with Akins by either sparring him five rounds or fighting to a finish for the gloves. He didn't believe that it was necessary to pull so much money into the fight to show who was the best man.

Before leaving Mr. Riffe stated that he was willing to enter the contest as soon as his challenger was willing. He awaited an answer to his proposition in Wednesday's paper.

A GRAND TOURNAMENT

Of Bands and Fire Companies to be Held at Tiffin.

A grand tournament for bands and fire companies will be held at Tiffin Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday July 2, 3 and 4. \$2,000 in prizes will be distributed as follows: Hose, \$150; \$75; \$50; service hook and ladder, \$75; \$40; sporting hook and ladder, \$100; \$50; hand engines, first class, \$125; \$75; hand engines, second class, \$100; \$50; hand engines, third class, \$75; \$40; steamer, \$100.

Free for all—Hose, \$300; 100 yard foot race, \$15; \$10; 40 rod foot race, \$15; \$10.

Band contests—County organizations \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10; free for all, first class, \$200; free for all, second class, \$100.

Entries close July 2. Excursion rates and apparatus carried free on all railroads entering Tiffin.

Physicians.

Castoria has met with pronounced favor on the part of physicians, pharmacologists, societies, and medical authorities. It is used by physicians with results most gratifying. The present extended use of Castoria is unquestionably the result of three facts: 1st, The indisputable evidence that it is harmless; 2d, That it not only allays stomach pain and quiets the nerves, but assimilates the food, and 3d, It is an agreeable and perfect substitute for castor oil. It is absolutely safe. It does not contain any opium, morphine, or other narcotic.

THREE BIG SUITS.

The Ft. Wayne Railroad Company Sued For \$10,000—Two More Suits to Follow.

Coroner Schaefer Files His Verdict—The Supreme Court Decides the Julian Case—Other Court House News.

Attorney J. J. Grant, as administrator of the estate of Frank Strible, one of the boys killed at Louisville recently has prepared papers bringing suit against the P. F. W. & C. Railroad Co. for \$10,000 damages. The petition has not been filed owing to certain legal points that must be complied with before the papers are filed. It is probable the suit will be commenced against the company this afternoon or tomorrow.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the papers in the case were placed on file in the county clerk's office. The petition charges that the death of the Strible boy was caused by the neglect of the company to provide proper protection at the crossing and also on account of proper warning not being given on the approach of the train and the high rate of speed at which the train was running.

Coroner Schaefer has filed a verdict in the Louisville horror and gives the substance of the verdict to the public. The verdict finds that Lawrence and Peter Strub, Charles C. Cietz and Frank Strible came to their death by being run into by a moving train on the Ft. Wayne road on June 12. The verdict further finds that the railroad company is to blame for the deaths on account of not giving the proper signals on approaching the crossing and also on account of not having a man at the crossing to warn travelers of the approach of trains. The verdict further finds that the train was running at a high rate of speed and exempts the persons who were killed from all blame and places the entire responsibility on the railroad company.

TWO BIG SUITS.

Thayer & Gilson and W. S. Piero are preparing papers in two \$10,000 suits to be commenced against the P. F. W. & C. railroad company on account of the deaths of Lawrence and Peter Strub who were killed at Louisville. The papers will be filed in a few days, and the petitions will probably be substantially the same as in the Strible case.

Anna Erhart was yesterday afternoon fined the costs by Judge Pease for keeping a house of ill fame. Besse Ross, the principal witness in the case, was drowned at Johnstown during the flood.

The Supreme court has overruled the motion to file a petition in error in the Julian case, holding that the grand jury was legally drawn and consequently by all business dwelling thereon was legal. This settles a case that has attracted considerable attention in several counties.

A. S. Van Buskirk has been appointed assistant prosecutor for the present term.

The embezzlement case against Jasper E. Shaw, is still before Judge Pease and jury.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Philo C. Bush and Grace M. Powell, of Canton; L. H. Hull and Mary C. Zimmerman, of Minerva.

James Carlie and Minnie Hamlin, of Louisville have been licensed to wed.

Margaret Spring was granted a divorce this afternoon from Christian Spring on payment of the costs. The grounds for the divorce were habitual drunkenness, extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty. Attorney J. F. Faust represented the plaintiff.

REPUBLICAN HUSTLERS

And What They are Doing These Days.

The candidates for nomination on the Republican ticket are getting as thick as flies in summer time. Each day brings out new men and that side of the house is awaiting with interest the primaries.

J. W. Barnaby, who has been feeding at the public fount in various capacities for years, is out for treasurer. Charles Laiblin, who repeatedly throughout the county informed his friends through the newspapers that he was out of politics has changed his mind and wants to be commissioner. Ira M. Allen, of this city, a former Massillonian, will contest this claim with him. Charles Henderson of the glass works is out for sheriff, as is also O. P. Shanafelt of Green town. Lorin C. Wise wants the nomination for county surveyor.

For clerk of courts a spirited contest is going on. The candidates thus far announced are Robert Towner in the C. Aultman & Co. offices, and P. F. Bush, the defeated candidate for the clerk's office. Bush thinks he is entitled to the nomination. Friends of Attorney C. C. Bow want him to come out but he doesn't believe he will. He kind of has his eye on the prosecutories.

Found Dead

Last evening a person named G. R. Thompson registered at Hunt's Hotel, and wanted to be called to take the 12 p. m. train for Chicago. Being unable to awaken him the room was entered through the ventilator and the man was found dead. He was advertising Sulphur Bitters which has an extensive sale. The coroner returned a verdict of heart disease.—Cin. Commercial.

A Missing Man.

Charles Alonzo, of Mansfield, is reported missing. The young man has relatives in this city, the Winterhalters, and he was seen in Canton several days ago.

An Important Element

Of the success of Hood's Sarsaparilla is the fact that every purchaser receives a fair equivalent for his money. The familiar headline "100 Doses One Dollar," stolen by imitators, is original with and true only of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

rilla. This can easily be proven by any one who desires to test the matter. For real economy, buy only Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sold by all druggists.

A HAIRY WOMAN

Outwits a Tramp Printer, Thus Saving for Two Orphans Money Upon Which he had His Greedy Eyes.

Mrs. S. H. Baterson of Detroit is in the city to-day. So is Alfred Cowen the tramp printer who made quite a stretch here about a year ago. But Cowen's presence is useless here as by excellent management Mrs. Baterson has the reins in her own hands in the matter of the estate left by Cowen's wife.

Cowen, it will be remembered by some means got a widow with two children to marry him, he being after her property amounting to several thousands. After the ceremony he studiously avoided being seen sober and it must be said that in successful administration.

He sent one child east and one up in Summit county and left with his wife. 'Tis said he abused her greatly. From some cause not known here she died in Detroit and her body had hardly been placed securely in its last resting place before he took steps to get possession of the property left, some real estate which he had been unable to leave her convert into money.

But Mrs. Baterson took a hand in the case. She had attended Mrs. Cowen when sick, and became a plan for the little children left behind. She started for Canton, too. At Cleveland she met Cowen and there by good business ways got him to sign a quit claim to all of the property in this city for one dollar. After he had demanded \$50 or more for his share.

Securing this quit claim she visited this city and has been appointed executrix of the estate and guardian of the children. Thus the property left will go to the young children instead of the tramp printer Cowen.

A DRUNKEN HUSBAND

Proves Marriage to Have Been a Failure in One Household.

On Wednesday afternoon a township trustee was called to the residence of Mrs. John Rush at No. 128 South Plum street, a house owned by William Fravel.

The cause of his visit was information coming to him that the woman and her five children were in destitute circumstances and that the mother had been disposing of her household furniture to secure enough food to keep together body and soul.

The trustee found this information true. The house was torn up when he arrived and goods were being packed for shipment, indicating that a removal was in progress. He heard the wife's story and it was a sorrowful one. One month ago she had removed her family to this city from Cleveland, her husband having preceded her by one month. He was a drunkard and had secured a good position. After her arrival her husband began drinking and did not work. The family finally became destitute and piece by piece she disposed of articles of furniture. She was now packing up to return to Cleveland, where she had relatives who would care for her.

The woman was almost broken-hearted with the load she had to bear. She had secured money to return to Cleveland by disposing of household goods. The goods showed that the family had at one time been in good circumstances, a fine piano, being one of the articles of furniture. The woman will be assisted to return to Cleveland.

A STRAWBERRY SHOW

Held at the Newswagon Residence To-day—Very Successful.

The tenth annual strawberry show of the Agricultural society was held to-day at the residence of David Newswagon in Marlboro.

Owing to the threatening weather the attendance was not as large as usual. But the show was a success.

The standing committees were well represented and most favorable reports made by the exhibitors in vineyards, orchards, etc. Many valuable papers were read.

The dinner was not the last important feature of the day by far. It was ably presided over by the hostess and a number of assistants.

SOMETHING PUZZLING.

Les Akins and the Public Think Riffe Wants to Back Down.

Les Akins visited the News-Democrat to-day and said in reply to Pat Riffe, the pugilist, "I have deposited my forfeit asked for by him in a challenge, when he said he would fight me for any amount. He appears to be afraid now. I am no fighter and desire pugilistic notoriety. My forfeit is up and will be up two days. If he wants a spar or fight he can have it if he covers the twenty-five dollars posted. He can surely raise that amount. He is talking too much."

A GOOD LANDLORD.

A Correspondent Writes About the Hammar House.

A correspondent writes of the Hammar reunion, held at Congress Lake recently: "The accommodations at Congress Lake are everything that one could desire for such an occasion, and Mr. Silvers is one of the most accommodating landlords to be found anywhere. S. S. Geib was re-elected president for the third time and William F. Schario of Canton was elected secretary."

My Wife Said

To me last night; How much do you suppose we have paid for doctors and medicines in the last year? I told her I did not know. To doctors I have paid nothing, and \$5 worth of Sulphur Bitters has kept my family healthy. L. ANDREWS, 12 Bowdoin St., Boston.

Rheumatism's Worm Lozenges are the best, because they remove the worm nest. Durbin, Wright & Co.